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Dear WNS Members, Applicants, and Guests:

On behalf of our President, Dr. Odette Harris, and the executive committee, we are happy to invite you to the 71st annual meeting of the Western Neurosurgical Society!

We are again expecting a robust turnout as we gather in the beautiful Inland Northwest. This year's meeting will be held at the Coeur d'Alene Lakeside Resort in Coeur d'Alene, ID. This luxury golf and spa resort overlooks Lake Coeur d'Alene in the Idaho Panhandle. This is the second time The Western meeting has been held in Coeur d'Alene with the first occurring in 1999. With a world famous golf course, nearby trout fishing, boating, hiking, shopping and dining there is something for everyone in this part of the country.

Please note that the opening reception will be Thursday night, September 11th, and the meeting will adjourn on Sunday, September 14th.

We can all look forward to a fantastic scientific program organized by Dr. Sharona Ben-Haim and her committee. This year's theme is entitled 'The Changing Landscape of Neurosurgery: Honoring Firsts, Shaping Futures'. **Please consider submitting an abstract now to be a part of the program.**

The 2025 Cloward Medal will be awarded to WNS Past President Dr. Steven Giannotta. Well known by all in the field of Neurosurgery, and in particular the members of the Western, Dr. Giannotta is the former Martin H. Weiss Chair of the Department of Neurosurgery at USC. Dr. Giannotta has gained world wide recognition for his work in cerebrovascular disorders of the brain and spine as well as surgical approaches to skull base tumors. This year's Prolo Lecturer will be Dr. Jonathan Chen an expert in Biomedical Informatics Research at Stanford University. Dr. Chen's research focuses on combining real-world clinical data, machine learning and data analytics to support physician decision making. The third annual Randy Smith Lectureship will given by Dr. Karin Muraszko. Dr. Muraszko is the Julian T. Hoff Professor and Chair of the Department of Neurosurgery at the University of Michigan and the first woman to chair an academic neurosurgery department in the US. She is director of the Pediatric Brain Tumor Clinic at the University of Michigan and the co-founder of Project Shunt.

In addition to our scientific sessions, we are once again planning a social program that will highlight what the Inland Northwest has to offer. Join us for local's night as we embark on a sunset cruise of Lake Coeur d'Alene. We will enjoy dinner and live music as we explore what is known as the Playground of the Pacific Northwest. The resort has multiple on-site activity options and our organized afternoon group activities will include fly fishing, biking and scenic float plane rides.

Don't miss your opportunity to learn, reconnect with old friends and make new ones in a location you won't forget. See you in Idaho!

Justin Dye, MD
Secretary/Treasurer





Western Neurosurgical Society

71st Annual Meeting

Coeur d'Alene Resort | Coeur d'Alene, ID | Sept 11-14, 2025

2025 Meeting Registration Form

Registration fee includes: All scientific sessions, opening reception, local night event, formal banquet AND spouse/companion registration (see below).

*NAME: _____

*REQUIRED FIELDS

*IF NOT A MEMBER, NAME OF MEMBER INVITING YOU: _____

*SPOUSE/ COMPANION NAME: _____

*EMAIL ADDRESS (for registration confirmation): _____

*SPOUSE/PARTNER EMAIL _____

*PHONE: _____ FAX: _____

*MAILING ADDRESS: _____

The registration fees below include your spouse/companion! This includes the opening reception, local night, formal banquet and spouse/companion breakfast Sat-Mon.

*Please note there will be a \$200 additional fee for late registration. To avoid late fees, registration must be received by August 11, 2025. Cancellation Policy: Full refund prior to 7/11/25. 50% refund 7/12/25 – 8/11/25. **No refund after 8/11/25.***

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	Before 08/11	After 08/11
All member categories & non-members	\$1500	\$1700
Senior members WITH 35 or more years at WNS	\$850	\$1050
Member Candidates Speakers (by invitation only)	\$850	\$1050
Active Duty Military Member/Guest	\$850	\$1050

Kids are welcome to attend the meeting! Child registration includes: opening reception, local's night, breakfast Sat-Mon and childcare plus dinner during the formal banquet night for ages 3 (must be potty trained) to 15 years.

Each additional adult companion (18 and over) _____	\$850	\$1050
Each Child (13-17) _____	\$350	\$550
Each Child (Under 12) _____	Free	Free

Additional space to indicate the number of children, their names and ages.

Suggestions for Membership?

Name: _____ email: _____

SOCIAL PROGRAM ATTENDANCE (INCLUDED IN REGISTRATION)	YES	NO
Thursday, September 11, 2025: Opening Reception	_____	_____
Friday, September 12, 2025: Local Night	_____	_____
Saturday, September 13, 2025: Formal Dinner (Black tie optional)	_____	_____
Please indicate if vegetarian meals desired and how many.	_____	_____

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES:	PLEASE INDICATE NUMBER ATTENDING	
*Guided E-Bike Ride- \$150 per person	_____	\$ _____
*Coeur d'Alene River Float - \$189 per person	_____	\$ _____
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES:		
*Mountain Treetop Zipline- \$165 per person	_____	\$ _____
*Northern Idaho Float Plane Tour - \$240 per person	_____	\$ _____
*Guided River Fly Fishing - \$575 per person	_____	\$ _____
<i>More activity information below</i>		
<i>Activity registration: No Refunds after 08/11/2025</i>		
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: REGISTRATION ACTIVITIES CHILD \$ _____		

To Pay by Credit Card, please return this form to wnssecr.treas@gmail.com, a link for payment will be sent to the listed email. Please note that there will be a convenience fee of 2.5% added to your credit card payment.

To Pay by Check, please mail check to: Western Neurosurgical Society, Attn: Justin Dye, 11234 Anderson St, Rm 2562A, Loma Linda, CA 92354 *Checks must be received by 08/11/25 to be eligible for early registration*

RESERVE YOUR HOTEL ROOM HERE: <https://reservations.travelclick.com/114393?groupID=3384060>

RESERVE A TEE TIME AT THE COEUR D'ALENE GOLF COURSE: *Call 208-667-GOLF (4653).*

CANCELLATION POLICY

Full Refund of registration fee prior to 7/11/2025. 50% refund for cancellations received between 07/12/2025 and 08/11/2025. No refund after 8/11/25. Cancellations paid by credit card will be charge a 2.5% processing fee.

More information for each event and activity:

OPENING RECEPTION

Thursday, September 11th 6:30-9:30 pm

Please join us at the Coeur d'Alene Resort Lakeview Terrace for our opening reception. Enjoy a buffet dinner and drinks in this outdoor location overlooking Lake Coeur d'Alene.

LOCAL'S NIGHT EVENT

Friday, Sept 12th 5:30-8:30pm

Join us for a private dinner cruise exploring the lake. We have secured the largest cruise boat for this event with both indoor and outdoor seating. Members and guests will enjoy live music, dinner and drinks. Be sure to bring a sweater or jacket as it may get chilly once the sun goes down.



FORMAL BANQUET

Saturday, Sept 13th 6:00-10:00pm

Please join us for a black tie (optional) evening including a cocktail hour, seated dinner, and music in the main ball room at the Coeur d'Alene resort.

Children ages 3 to 12 will be entertained, fed and looked after during the banquet in a separate room. Children must be potty trained. This is included in your registration. Further details will be sent to those who want to take advantage of this childcare option for the formal banquet.

AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES

Centennial Trail Guided E-Bike Ride

Friday, Sept 12th, 1:00-4:00pm. \$150 per person. \$29 for Bike Tag-Along/Bike Trailer. Includes bike rental, guide, bottled water and gratuity.

Kids are welcome. Activity level mild to Moderate. This is a 15 mile round trip ride on electric bikes. Max 30 people.

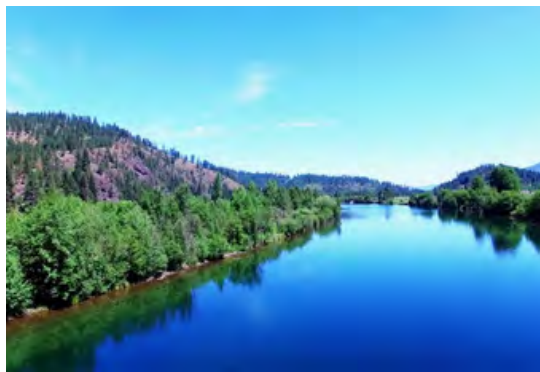
Enjoy one of the Nation's treasured bike trails. Leaving from downtown Coeur d'Alene you will follow a path along the shores of beautiful Lake Coeur d'Alene. Riding a scenic route through some of the oldest homes in the Coeur d'Alene area and up Higgins Point where you'll view the beauty of the lake from the top of the trail, where you may spot a bald eagle!



Coeur d'Alene River Float

Friday, Sept 12th, 12:45-4:45pm. \$189 per person. Includes transportation, guide, gear, beverages and gratuity. Minimum Age: 3. Max 60 people.

Picture a lazy river, warm breezes, and a total release of all your cares: this is your float trip! In this crystal clear spring-fed water you'll be free to relax and enjoy nature as your guide rows you down the Coeur d'Alene River. Pristine waters, tall pines, cool drinks, and the warm sun define this family friendly adventure. This trip is perfect for families with small children. This is a peaceful section of a river with gentle flows that run all summer long. You're free to swim as the boat lazily travels down the river on its scenic journey.



Mountain Treetop Zipline

Saturday, Sept 13th, 12:30-4:30pm. \$165 per person. Maximum 30 people. Maximum weight 260lb. Minimum age 7.

7 lines, 2 sky bridges and views that are out of this world are what make up this the ultimate outdoor experience in Coeur d'Alene. An exciting mile-long UTV drive, with an 800-foot vertical climb, is what lies between you and your first step off the platform and into the sky! You will soar from tree to tree for 2 - 2.5 hours before ending the course with a pretty epic surprise.



Northern Idaho Float Plane Tour

Saturday, Sept 13th, 1:00-2:30pm. \$240 per person. Groups of 6 for private flights. Includes guide and a 45 minute flight.

Enjoy a tour of Lake Coeur d'Alene and its beautiful bays and coves from above. See some of the fantastic homes dotted along its banks. Fly over the charming historic town of Harrison and follow the Coeur d'Alene river passing over the Chain Lakes.

You may see some of the local wildlife including bear, elk, and moose on your flight! You then climb over some of the magnificent forests that surround the area and descend back down over the lake. Finally, you see the world's only floating golf green and the wonderful town of Coeur d'Alene, culminating in a smooth landing next to the beach.



Guided River Fly Fishing - Half Day

Saturday, Sept 13th, 12:30-4:30pm. \$575 per person. Includes transportation, guide, equipment and gratuity. Maximum 24 people.

Expert guides are ready to get you into dream fish and lasting memories. They hold exclusive guiding rights to multiple bodies of water and they're happy to guide you on any one of them.



ADDITIONAL ACTIVITY INFORMATION

Golf

The Coeur d'Alene Resort award winning golf course is world famous for it's 14th hole floating green. The ultimate in risk vs reward, don't miss your chance to play this iconic course. The hotel is giving our members/guests a special discounted group rate of \$195 per person. This includes a water taxi to the course, 18 holes of golf, golf cart, unlimited floating practice balls, personalized bag tag, forecaddie and complimentary warm up massage. Call 208-667-Golf (4653) to reserve your tee time.



Resort Activities

In addition to the group activities, the hotel offers multiple adventures including boating, paddle boarding, kayaking, parasailing, and hiking. For a slightly slower pace consider checking out the local shops, parks or a drive along the Coeur d'Alene Scenic Byway. For more [details and to make a reservation follow this link](#)

